## Case 1:04-cv-12148-WGY Document 1 Filed 10/12/2004 Page 1 of 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COUI FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CLEMENT WOGHIREN,	)	M CLERKS OFFICE
Plaintiff,	RECEPT #	2004 OCT 12 P 3: 41
v.	AMOUNT \$ Docket No	
WYETH, And WYETH BIOPHARMA,	SUMMONS ISSUED LOCAL RULE 4.1 WAIVER FORM	U.S. DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASS.
Defendants.	MCFISSUED	

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MAGISTRATE JUDGE

TO THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATED DISTRICT COURT FOR THE **DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS:** 

The defendants, Wyeth and Wyeth Biopharma ("Defendants"), file this Petition for Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(a), and respectfully submit that:

- On or about October 8, 2004, Defendants received a Summons, together with the 1. Amended Complaint in the matter entitled Clement Woghiren v. Wyeth and Wyeth Biopharma, Essex County Superior Court, Civil Action No. 04-01666-D. True, accurate and complete copies of the Summons and Complaint are attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The Summons and Complaint constitute all process, pleadings and orders served upon the defendants in this matter to date.
- 2. Removal to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in Boston is appropriate as: (1) in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1441(b), the United States District Court has original jurisdiction over the action; and (2) the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Eastern Section embraces the place, i.e., Essex County, where the action is pending. 28 U.S.C. §1441(a).
- 3. Original jurisdiction is based upon diversity of the parties and an amount in controversy in excess of \$75,000.00 as set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (a)(1) and (b), respectively. Clement Woghiren, is a resident of Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The sole proper defendant and entity amenable to suit is Wyeth, which is a corporation duly

organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and headquartered at Madison, New Jersey. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, inasmuch as the plaintiff has alleged in the Complaint that he has suffered damages for wrongful discharge and retaliation in violation of G.L. ch. 151B, § 1 et seq., for, inter alia, lost income and benefits, damage to his professional reputation, lost professional opportunities and other losses, emotional distress and mental anguish, attorney's fees and costs due to "Discrimination based upon his race, national origin and/or background." See Amended Complaint, attached hereto as "Exhibit A," ¶¶ 60, 64.

- 4. An alternate basis for this Court's jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 (b), in that the plaintiff has pleaded a claim for wrongful discharge under Title VII of the federal civil rights act, as amended. See Amended Complaint attached hereto as "Exhibit A," ¶ 60.
- 5. This Notice of Removal is being filed within the time period required by law in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446 (b).
- 6. Promptly after the filing of this Notice of Removal, a copy of the Notice will be filed with the Clerk of Courts for the Essex County Superior Court, and all adverse parties will receive written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants pray that this action be removed from the Essex County Superior Court to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

WYETH AND WYETH BIOPHARMA, By Their Attorneys,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on October 12, 2004 I have served the above Notice of Removal upon all counsel of record listed below by regular mail, postage prepaid.

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